

Recommended **accelerated immunization schedule** for infants and children <7 years of age who start the series late* or who are >1 month behind in the immunization schedule† (i.e., children from whom compliance with scheduled return visits cannot be assured)

Timing	Vaccine(s)	Comment
First visit (≥4 months of age)	DTaP§, IPV¶, Hib‡, hepatitis B, MMR, varicella	Must be ≥12 months of age to receive MMR and varicella. If ≥5 years of age, Hib is not normally indicated.
Second visit (1 month** after first visit)	DTaP§, IPV¶, Hib‡, hepatitis B	
Third visit (1 month after second visit)	DTaP§, IPV¶, Hib‡	
Fourth visit (≥6 months after third visit)	DTaP§, Hib‡, hepatitis B	
4-6 years of age	DTaP§, IPV, MMR	Preferably at or before school entry. DTaP is not necessary if fourth dose given on or after the fourth birthday. IPV not necessary if third dose given on or after the fourth birthday.
11-12 years of age	Varicella, MMR, and/or hepatitis B (if not already received). Td if >5 years since last dose.	Repeat Td every 10 years throughout life.

* If initiated in the first year of life, administer DTaP doses 1, 2, and 3 and IPV doses 1, 2, and 3 according to this schedule; administer MMR and varicella when the child reaches 12-15 months of age. All vaccines should be administered simultaneously at the appropriate visit.

† See individual ACIP recommendations for detailed information on specific vaccines.

§ Diphtheria and tetanus toxoids and acellular pertussis vaccine (DTaP) is preferred for all doses of the series. Vaccine containing whole-cell pertussis vaccine is not recommended.

¶ The use of OPV is no longer routinely recommended in the United States. It should be used (if available) only under very limited circumstances. See polio ACIP statement or current childhood schedule for details.

‡ Recommended Hib schedule varies by vaccine manufacturer and age of the child when vaccination series is started. If series is begun at <6 months of age, 4 doses are needed (only 3 doses are needed if all doses are PRP-OMP [PedsvaxHIB®, Merck]). The fourth dose must be ≥2 months after the third dose and on or after the first birthday. If series started at age 7-11 months, 3 doses are needed with the third dose ≥2 months after the second dose and on or after the first birthday. If series started at age 12-14 months, 2 doses are needed, ≥2 months apart. If series started at age ≥15 months, one dose of any licensed conjugate Hib vaccine is recommended.

** An interval of 28 or more days.

Based on *General Recommendations on Immunization* with modifications from subsequent ACIP statements.

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